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Good cigarettes, Low Price. Our Duke of Durham, Purity 56 Bag, is the best. Imported from the States to please. REM HART, Main Plaza.

# San Antonio Light.

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## LOOK AT THESE PRICES.

Come and Inspect the Bargains.

To those contemplating purchases for Christmas we would say

Come Buy Before All is Sold.

or object is to close out these items entirely to enable our intention of pursuing the business of MILINERY and FANCY GOODS EXCLUSIVELY. No backing out.

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### S. MAYER & SON.

#### Silks and Velvets.

Bonnet & Gown's brand. \$1.25 reduced to 90c.  
Extra quality silk \$1.40 reduced to \$1.25.  
Super extra silk \$2.25 reduced to \$1.60.  
Fine dress velvets, all the  
Fine dress velvets \$1.25 reduced to \$1.00.  
Fine dress velvets \$1.75 reduced to \$1.50.

#### Black Cashmere.

Our all wool 50c quality for 30c.  
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#### Flannels and Woolens.

Fine value 50c goods for 30c.  
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## GRAND CLOAK SACRIFICE.

On our already greatly reduced prices further discount of 10 per cent.

## Fine Millinery Goods Lower Than Eastern Prices.

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

### OFFICERS OF THE SENATE ELECTED BY REPUBLICANS.

Senators Elected—Frank Jones—O'Donnell—D. S. and J. W. Snyder & Co.,

New York, December 13.—The divorced wife of ex-Senator Christianity is dead, a victim to the chloral habit. She has been insane for some time past.

KANSAS CITY, December 13.—Frank Jones was released on \$3,000 bail this afternoon and was immediately re-arrested, charged with killing Cashier Short at Galatia, in 1881.

SALT LAKE, December 13.—It is rumored that the Mormon priesthood, in order to prolong their rule, will secretly instruct the Legislature to pass a law making polygamy a crime.

MILWAUKEE, December 13.—J. O'Connor, a Milwaukee agent for the Iowa Great Eastern Mutual Life Insurance company, of Ames, Iowa, was arrested today at the request of the State. Insured by a politician, who alleges that the company is devoted to "graveyard" insurance business and has no license.

LEXINGTON, December 13.—Seventy-five of Kentucky's leading distillers have organized an association for the purpose of reducing the production of whisky, upon the basis of the pool formed in November, 1882, to 65 per cent of the registered capacity. It is stated they have already signed the agreement and an executive committee appointed with power to act. The reduction is expected to be general.

DENVER, December 13.—One of the largest cattle sales on record was consummated here today. D. S. and J. W. Snyder & Co., of Denver, bought of Snyder Brothers, Georgetown, Texas, over 20,000 head of cattle and 400 horses for a consideration of \$500,000 cash. The former firm now own nearly 50,000 cattle and 1,000 horses. During the present year about 3,000 cattle were branded in both herds.

YANKEES, December 13.—Information was received today from Nibarsa Valley that vigilantes have made away with live horse and cattle thieves within the past ten days. Wade Murphy and Weatherwax were hung and Herd and Telford Weatherwax were shot. Culbertson Stewart, Morris and Cline are in custody, and if the court fails to punish them the vigilantes will. McFarland was captured and indicted, but escaped. The cause of the wholesale lynch law there is the long continued depredations of a Nibarsa band of cattle and horse thieves. For years past they have operated with the boldest impunity among herds on the rich pasture of the Nibarsa and the tributaries. The leader of the gang was a formerly famous highwayman, Doc Middleton, and when he was killed it was supposed the organization would break up and scatter, but instead, it gained strength and became more formidable than in the days of its chief.

LONDON, December 13.—The letter of Sullivan and Russell, O'Donnell's counsel, in reference to the alleged misapprehension of Judge Denman's language in his charge to the jury, contends that the Judge misdirected the minds of the jury when he intimated there was no evidence that Carey had a revolver. O'Donnell's friends maintain that although no evidence was offered to this effect, there was no proof that he was not armed, and by hanging on the word "evidence," using the word instead of proof, the Judge obtained a verdict of guilty of wilful murder. Minister Lowell states that if any of the jury will say their verdict was influenced thereby, he will willingly seek a mitigation of the sentence. Six members of the jury have been found and three say that their verdict was influenced by the Judge's dictum. One has offered the use of his house for a meeting of the jury to review the matter. The government refuses to give the addresses of the jury because of threats in a newspaper, the United Irishman, against them. A meeting of the jury is possible the crown might be forced to mitigate the sentence, but there is no hope of tracing the remaining members in time to prevent the execution. It is understood the jury stood seven for murder to five for manslaughter before the dictum of the Judge was delivered.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 13.—Charles McLaughlin was shot and killed today by Jerome B. Cox. The tragedy is the result of 17 years of litigation. McLaughlin was a pioneer and President of the Central Gaslight company, a large capitalist, and ranked among the millionaires. He was a promoter of the overland mail route which made considerable money. In 1866 he contracted for and built the Western Pacific railway from San Jose to Sacramento for \$5,400,000. He sublet the masonry and grading work to Jerome B. Cox and others for \$900,000. After 20 miles of the road had been built McLaughlin failed to make payment and Cox, who had put in \$50,000 of his own money, had to stop work. McLaughlin completed the road and sold it to the Central Pacific, realizing a large sum. Cox brought suit against the company and McLaughlin for \$1,500,000 and obtained judgment which on technicalities the Supreme court reversed. Cox amended the complaint, and again recovered and the decision was again reversed. The third, fourth and fifth trials resulted similarly, and the adverse decisions so weighed upon the man's mind that last spring he attempted to shoot Justice McCreary, of the Supreme court, whom he believed was chiefly instrumental in deciding adversely against him. He went this morning to McLaughlin's office and demanded \$40,000 in settlement of the account, and on being refused, shot McLaughlin three times, who lived just 30 minutes. The prominence of the parties has created intense excitement. Cox was formerly Captain of the Tenth infantry battery, and served during the war under Rosecrans.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The Republican Senators were in caucus from 10 o'clock until 12 this morning, discussing the reorganization of the Senate. Senator Mahone was present at the beginning. A motion was carried to proceed with the nomination of

excess candidates. For Secretary of the Senate, Jones, of Nevada, nominated George C. Gorham, of California; Miller, of New York, and General Anson, G. McCook, of New York, and Harrison, Major D. M. Ramsdell, of Indiana. Eulogistic speeches were made in support of each candidate, and a running debate followed, in which a majority of the Senators took part. Upon an informal ballot the vote stood: McCook, 16; Gorham, 15; Ramsdell, 3. A formal ballot followed immediately and resulted: McCook, 19; Gorham, 12; Ramsdell, 3. General McCook was declared the nominee and the caucus adjourned. The opponents of Gorham took the ground that his attitude as a journalist with respect to the Garfield-Conkling difference and the New route trials was such as to create bitter enemies towards himself, and his nomination for the Secretaryship would have a tendency to revive party differences which are in process of healing. Mahone made a speech in support of Gorham, stating that while he was not present to influence the result by vote, he had a duty towards his constituents to perform. The defeat of Gorham would be misinterpreted in the South, as in some sense a disapproval of the liberal movement. He (Mahone) knew that such an interpretation of the action of the caucus would be erroneous. He endorsed Gorham's work in connection with the liberal movement, and stated that he would support the nominees of the caucus. Mahone did not vote upon the nomination, and Riddleberger was not present. The caucus reassembled after the adjournment of the Senate, and nominated Charles W. Johnson, of Minnesota, for Chief Clerk; James R. Young, of Pennsylvania, for Executive Clerk of the Senate; Rev. E. H. Hantley, of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, Washington, formerly of Wisconsin, for Chaplain, and Colonel W. F. Canaday, North Carolina, Sergeant at arms. A resolution was adopted unanimously to retain the wounded soldiers now on the rolls of the Senate in their positions. There were only six voters against the nomination of Canaday.

## CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

Brilliant Programme of the Music to be Rendered at St. Mary's Church. Annually as Christmas brings its song, its gifts and its cheer, old St. Mary's church is looked forward to by the devout and the musical connoisseur as well for its delightful selection of classic music. That she will sustain her old time reputation for excellence in this line for the approaching Christmas, the following programme gives abundant evidence: At midnight mass Millard's mass in B flat major. Members of choir: Professor G. Katzenberger, organist and director. Soprano—Mrs. Katzenberger, Mrs. Farrel, Miss K. Olsby, Miss L. Brim, Miss M. Schall. Alto—Mrs. A. Lord, Miss Johanna Rische, Miss Mary Braden, Miss Julia Brim, Mrs. J. Wilson. Tenor—Captain H. Karber, Mr. C. Zargosky, Professor Halhed. Bass—Mr. A. Lord, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. F. Bowen, Mr. W. McAllister, Mr. S. Pereda. The orchestra will consist of Mr. Joe McAllister's renowned string band, and the best amateur talent in the city. An entirely new Christmas carol, Adepts Fiddles, for chorus and orchestra, accompanied by Professor Katzenberger, will be sung by the choir at the beginning and closing of the mass. Voluntary, at midnight mass, Hosanna in Excelsis, soprano solo, by Mrs. Katzenberger. High mass at 10 o'clock (morning) with same choir and orchestra. Voluntary, Jesu Dei Vivi, solo quartette, Mrs. Katzenberger, Mr. Lord, Captain Karber, Professor Halhed.

## BUSINESS FAILURE.

Cohen & Koenigheim's Business in the Hands of the Assignee. Yesterday Messrs. Cohen & Koenigheim made an assignment of their business, Mr. I. S. Berg being made assignee. This action on their part was a surprise to the business community. In conversation with Mr. Koenigheim, of the firm, he stated this morning to a Light scribe in mud canes, that the cause of the assignment could only be attributed to the hard times and the pressure which their creditors brought to bear in making collections. They had asked for a brief time only to meet their bills, but this was flatly refused. Had time been extended to them Mr. Koenigheim says they could have met every dollar of their indebtedness without becoming in the least bit embarrassed. Their liabilities are far below their assets, through Mr. Koenigheim could not now give these in round figures, and he hoped soon to make arrangements whereby they might resume business. The clerks of this establishment are employed today in taking stock, so that in a few days a statement of their financial status will be made public.

## Recorder's Court.

A. Wedding, disorderly, \$5; J. Carbo, insulting language, \$5; W. Doyle, J. Bailly, L. Jaso, drunk, \$5 each; E. Carrol, vagrancy, \$5; G. Randy, Matrons ———, insulting language, \$5.

## Doling Well.

Officer Buckley, one of our old residents, received good news of his son, Mr. R. F. Buckley, formerly employed in the County Clerk's office, who is now studying at St. Mary's college, Kansas. In his first term he obtained highest marks in Latin and doing exceedingly well in other branches.

## It Was Dark.

Last night a Loozr man, while tramping around in the mud, in the Third ward, was suddenly startled by a pistol shot in close proximity, while the sound of angry words followed. "I'll have you arrested!" were the words spoken. The reporter made for the residence from whence came the sounds but on discovering his presence the door was shut, and in spite of numerous inquiries nothing could be learned.

## THE CITY'S CONDUITS.

### A CHAT WITH MAJOR HUMPHREYS CONCERNING SEWERAGE.

The San Antonio River Not to be Polluted—His Views of Our City, and How to Beautify the Hunk Flies.

A LIGHT gleaser called this morning on Major Humphreys, the civil engineer, from Memphis, employed by the city to devise a plan and furnish data for the construction of a system of drainage in our city. Major Humphreys was in the City Engineer's room busily employed in pouring over a large map of San Antonio. After mutual self introductions the Major laid aside his pencil and compass and dropped into an easy interesting chat. Among other things in his pleasant, discursive way, he said he liked the San Antonio people very much. He had met many of them and was favorably impressed both with them and our city, though as for the latter, considering its size and speedy growth, he observed two things wanting, and which are usually found in cities of its size. He alluded to the character of the residences here, which are more suburban in appearance than city-fied, though this might, he thought, be attributed to the demands of the climate. The other deficiency was the comparatively small number of gutters paved or unpaved, which had much to do with the flooding now seen in the middle of the streets. He felt confident that San Antonio could have a serviceable and satisfactory system of drainage. Still there would be difficulties requiring some study in overcoming, and the principal one was found in the nature of the subsoil. The ditches would need much bracing, owing to this subsoil, and this was expensive. The Major intimated his work recently in Norfolk, Va., where eight miles of sewerage were constructed requiring more than 1,000,000 feet of lumber for banking and bracing. His idea was that the system desired should not empty itself in the San Antonio river. He proposed to do this by intercepting it and carrying it below the river. Of course, as he remarked, it would be impossible for him in the three weeks allotted him by the Council to do more than furnish them with a conception of its probable cost, together with his plan and views, for the construction of the system.

Major Humphreys was charmed with the beauty of the river and the purity of its water. It was a great blessing to our city and differed from the impure water of Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. It was right at our doors almost begging to be distributed, and the city would never be obliged to expend large sums to utilize it as Chicago had when she constructed a tunnel two miles long under Lake Michigan in order to convey pure water into that city. The San Antonio river, he observed, is fed by underground sources and hence cannot be so easily polluted. It was a beauty and a blessing as it flowed, and our citizens had good reason to be proud of it.

The Major is, of course, from the nature of his profession, an observant man, and he thought our spacious plazas could be made to contribute much toward the beautifying of the city. He had heard it stated that there was some drawback to the growth of trees here, but let them once be planted and the city could with trivial expense have them watered. Denver had the same difficulty to contend with yet she is today one of the prettiest shaded cities in the country because they brought water several miles by irrigating ditches from the Platte, which nourished and sustained the graceful shade trees. As it is now, our plazas are a bleak space and not a comforting sight on which to repose the eye.

Major Humphreys has been indefatigable during his coming among us, and during the inclement weather of the past few days he has faced it all to practically undertake the work before him. He will remain here till the first of the year to complete the work assigned him.

## HE CAUGHT FIRE.

A Horrified Mother Discovers Her Child in Flames and Sadly Burnt.

Yesterday afternoon a Mrs. Julia Schatzke, living on South street, left her house for the purpose of making purchases, leaving her little baby boy, aged two years, in the room where a fire was burning. During her absence, on returning home, she was struck by a smell of burning when opening her door. Frightened, she hesitated, but the smell becoming more intense, she rushed into the room only to discover her little child wrapped in flames and rolling on the floor with agonizing screams. She alarmed the neighborhood, and the dwellers-by, running to the spot, found out the state of affairs, one of whom immediately seized a bucket and continued pouring water over the child until the flames were extinguished. The informer of the Loozr man further stated that Dr. Christian was called in and did all in his power to alleviate the terrible pain of the poor little sufferer, but it is afraid the child must succumb to its injuries, it being burnt from the knees to the waist in a frightful manner.

## A Great Noise.

A number of cows were running loose in the Fourth ward last night. The animals don't come out until it is pretty late, and the Pound Master can't be everywhere. They are, however, a great nuisance, rubbing up against and sometimes breaking the fences, creating a great noise. Last night one gentleman was awakened by a disturbance outside; he thought it was burglars, and arming himself sallied forth, but it was only the cows, as usual. This should be stopped.

## See What Ready Cash Will Buy

My prices are structure. Read, judge for yourself.

PER BOX 15c. PACKAGE PER BOX 15c. PACKAGE

Purity, Duke of Durham, Gent. Low Price, our Duke. REM HART, MAIN PLAZA.

Ten Cents a Week

## CASINO HALL.

Two Nights, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 17, 18.

Ida Siddon's Mastodons!

Grand Swinging First Part.

10 STRONG OLIO ACTS.

8 Ladies in Song and Dance, 8 Ladies in Hero Comic, 8 Ladies in Combat Drill, And the Great Burlesque

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No advance in price. Seats now on sale at 15-15-15

"JULIA" AND "HATTIE"

Two of the most expensively dressed and latest DOLLS ever exhibited to this city, and a

Decorated Dinner Set

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HOUSTON STREET.

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On New Year's Eve. Every purchaser of 25 worth of goods receives a ticket.

Toys, Christmas Presents,

In great variety at lowest prices.

Thos. Coggan & Brothers

Have opened a branch of their Galveston house at 20 Commerce street, San Antonio, and have the largest stock of pianos, organs, sheet music, strings and musical instruments of any house in the city. They are State agents for the world renowned Steinway

PIANOS!

and the favorite and popular Emerson pianos, and sell the same, as well as all other goods in their line, as cheap as any house North or South. Thos. Coggan & Bros. sell pianos and

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on such small monthly installments that every family can afford to buy one. 9-25-30

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Builders' Hardware, Iron, Steel,

Nails, Horse Shoes, Wood Work, And Tools of Every Description.

PAINTS AND OILS,

Table and Pocket Cutlery.

John Deere hand and steeple plows, cultivators, etc. Tennessee wagons and general farm machinery. 15-15-15


## Drugs.

A man named A. R. Hise was brought over to Kallenger's drug store this morning from the poor house by Albert Huppert, to be operated on for dropsy. The water, which was all over his body, had been drawn out, but it has now accumulated in his stomach. His health otherwise is good.

## A Nice Time.

Last night a very pleasant time was passed at Kallenger's drug store by several young gentlemen, Mr. Oswald, Mr. George Smith, Mr. Anneling and others singing some very pretty poet songs and solos. The evening went on to the wings of pleasure, while friendship and joviality ruled with gentle rod.

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